

DD/A 74-4226

25 October 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Distinctive Identification for ICS and
NIO Personnel

REFERENCE : DD/A 74-3218, Memo to DCI fr AO/DCI, dtd
15 August 1974, Same Subject
DD/A 74-3266, Memo to DCI fr DD/A, dtd
23 August 1974, Same Subject

Sir:

1. This one you won.
2. On 15 August you were presented with a request to authorize distinctive identification for ICS and NIO personnel, i.e., liaison identification as well as distinctive entry badges for the building.
3. On 20 August you returned to me the proposal with the following note:

"Is this really a good idea?"
4. As I told you on 23 August, I would convene all parties and review the bidding. I have so done. We now all agree this really is not a good idea, and the request is withdrawn.

John F. Blake
Deputy Director
for
Administration

cc: DDCI
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Re: for: PRH

Re : DDA's Meeting on ICS/NIO badges and ID cards

Attending - Blake, Carver, [REDACTED] Kane, [REDACTED] STAT

Mr Blake opened meeting by stating that its sole purpose was to reply to Mr Colby's query re the necessity of issuing distinctive badges and ID cards to NIO and ICS.

Both Mr Carver and [REDACTED] both indicated their belief that neither of their respective staffs had any requirement for distinctive ID cards. Carver indicated further that NIO had no need for a distinctive badge. STAT

[REDACTED] did indicate that the ICS would prefer distinctive badges for all its personnel. In part he offered as rationale his staff's need for symbols distinguishing its relationship to DCI from that to the CIA. This reasoning, as well as several other minor ones, were successfully challenged by Mr Blake and Mr Kane, both arguing largely that badges are no more than access gaining devices. (Both also cited the pending change in the agency's badge system and the limit on badges to be employed.) STAT

Although there was some further discussion of the ICS's need for symbols, role and relationship identifiers, all agree and concluded that:

- a) No distinctive badge or ID card was necessary,
- b) NIO and ICS will continue to utilize CIA badges as appropriate,
- and c) A review of ICS detailees be conducted to determine who might more appropriately be issued regular CIA badges as opposed to VNE badges.

Jim